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CAPETWON FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: UN COMMISSIONER MACBRIDE DISCUSSES NAMIBIA

1. AMBASSADOR WHITE MET WITH COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA  
MACBRIDE IN DELEGATES' LOUNGE, OCTOBER 18. MACBRIDE  
ANSWERED QUESTIONS CONCERNING NAMIBIA, AND THE FOLLOWING  
COMMENTS ARE OF INTEREST.
2. IN MACBRIDE'S VIEW, THE RECENT DECISION BY THE  
NATIONALIST PARTY OF NAMIBIA CONCERNING MULTI-RACIAL TALKS  
WAS PREPARATORY TO OTHER SAG MEASURES CONDITIONING  
THE WHITES OF NAMIBIA FOR DRAMATIC CHANGE. THE SAG  
REALIZED THAT, WITH THE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA AND  
MOZAMBIQUE, HER 2,500-MILE BORDER WITH BLACK AFRICA IS  
DIFFICULT TO DEFEND AND THAT SHE MUST BE REALISTIC  
ABOUT IT. SOUTHWEST AFRICA WHITES WILL NOT JOIN THE  
DEFENSE FORCES IN THE TERRITORY AND BLACK NAMIBIANS  
WILL NOT FIGHT TO DEFEND SAG EITHER. WORLD FOCUS  
IS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA. MACBRIDE ASKED THAT  
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THE USE USE PRESSURE ON THE SAG TO EFFECT RAPID CHANGE.

MACBRIDE SEES DEVELOPMENTS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE MOVING  
ALONG QUICKLY.

3. THE COMMISSIONER CHARACTERIZED THE 10,000 GERMAN  
CITIZENS IN NAMIBIA AS REACTIONARY AND IN LARGE NUMBERS  
PRO-NAZI. THE FRG VIOLATES UN CALLS TO CLOSE CONSULATES  
THERE. THE GERMANS WILL BE FAR MORE ADVERSELY AFFECTED  
BY INDEPENDENCE THAN WILL THE AFRIKANNERS, SINCE THE  
GERMANS ARE SO ANTI-BALCK. MACBRIDE FEELS THAT SWAPO  
IS RATHER WELL RUN AND HE RESPECTS THEIR LEADERSHIP. WM  
IT IS NOT SIMPLY AN OVAMBO GROUPING. MACBRIDE SAID  
HE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE ANTICIPATED ENLARGEMENT OF  
THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, WITH THE ADDITION OF AUSTRALIA,  
FINLAND, SENEGAL, AND POSSIBLY BOTSWANA. HE EXPRESSED  
SATISFACTION TOO WITH THE RECENT DECREE ON NATURAL RESOURCES  
HANDLED DOWN BY THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. MACBRIDE ALSO IS  
PLEASED WITH SWAPO EFFORTS IN PROGRAMMING RADIO BROAD-  
CASTS TO NAMIBIA FROM LUSAKA. HE ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD  
BE POSSIBLE FOR VOA TO ASSIST THE RADIO STATION IN LUSAKA  
BY PROVIDING ENGLISH LESSON TAPES FOR TRANSMISSION. WE  
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPT'S THOUGHTS ON THIS  
INQUIRY.

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